

Congregational Church  
Winnebago County  
Rockton, Illinois

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PHOTOGRAPHS  
WRITTEN HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA  
District No. Ill.1.

Historic American Buildings Survey  
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CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rockton, Winnebago County, Illinois

Owner:

Date of Erection: 1850.

Architect: John Peterson.

Builder: Unknown.

Present Condition: Good.

Number of Stories: One

Materials of Construction: Stone exterior.

Other Existing Records: Photographs.

Additional Data: (See following page).

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WINNEBEGO COUNTY  
ROCKTON, ILLINOIS

DISTRICT NO. ILL.1.  
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The congregation of this church was composed, in a large measure, of people from the east. They held their first meeting in the home of William Talcott on Friday, March 23, 1838, and their first communion on the following Sunday.

Within ten years they were able to build a church. This structure was designed by John Peterson; the foundations laid in 1848 and the church completed in 1850. The cost of the building was \$5000. The bell was presented by William Talcott. It weighed 1400 pounds and cost \$700. All of the men in the community turned out to help raise the bell.

In 1913 the steeple blew down in a storm and the belfry was left as an unsightly stub. A recent merger has been effected in the church organization and this is now the home of the Federated Church of Rockton.

The present pastor is Rev.Philip H. Ralph, 109 Union Street, Rockton, Illinois.

By Richard J. Wall.

Approved Earl H. Reed